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1. Since the trial and execution of Ladislav Rajk, there has been no new purge in Hungary. One of the chief causes of this relative quiet is the fact that in Hungary, which already had a terrible lesson from Communism in Béla Kun's regime in 1919, the underground, outlawed Communist Party and Communist sympathies in general were so utterly insignificant until the Soviet occupation, that there was only one outstanding Communist leader in Hungary who could claim leadership. That was Rajk, and consequently after his execution, the Soviet quislings, all coming from Moscow, could sit in the saddle relatively undisturbed. These men, Rákosi, Vas, Farkas, Gerő, Révai, and Péter, all lived in Moscow for 15 to 20 years. They are all Soviet citizens. They all went through the same Stalinist party schooling. So they, who form Hungary's present top command, are all birds of the same feather. The internal rivalries which exist among them give no clue as to which of them enjoys the Kremlin's blessings and which do not. 50X1-HUM
2. At present two rival groups can be discerned: Rákosi-Vas-Farkas, and Gerő-Révai-Péter. The former are relatively more moderate and more practical, realistic politicians. The latter group, the Gerő-Révai-Péter group, represents the most fanatical, most doctrinaire, most anti-Hungarian Communist faction, which not only executes Moscow's every order, but tries to fulfill every unspoken wish of Moscow. There is every sign that this group does everything it can to secure the Kremlin's favor in their rivalry with the Rákosi group, but nevertheless, it is hard to tell whether they will succeed in getting the upper hand. It is a fair bet to assume that this internal dog fight among the Hungarian Communist leadership will ultimately be decided or at least decisively influenced by the October Communist Party Congress in Moscow, the outcome of which is being anxiously awaited by them all.

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